

FISCAL NOTE
SB 243 - HB 861

February 14, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the Department of Human Services from utilizing administrative hearings to modify child support orders. Requires court approval of any adjustments to child support.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$300,000 Net Impact Recurring
Exceeds \$1,000,000 - One-Time
Other Fiscal Impact - Jeopardizes federal funding of up to \$39,000,000

Assumes:

- Changing requirements for child support would require significant changes in the DHS computer system with an estimated one-time cost exceeding \$1,000,000.
- A need for up to three additional judgeships and related expenses to hear cases involving modifying child support orders.
- A decrease in state expenditures as the result of not utilizing administrative hearings to modify child support orders.
- Passage of the bill places the state in violation of federal requirements for the Families First Program. The federal government could reduce federal support by \$1.9 million in the first year.
- The bill could place the state in violation of federal child support requirements with a potential loss of up to \$39,000,000 in federal matching funds.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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